

COUNTRY Poland

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TOPIC 1. Military Information from Plock

2. Railroad Bridge across the Vistula River

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EVALUATION _____ PLACE OBTAINED _____

DATE OF CONTENT prior to November 1950

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Plock.

1. Prior to November 1950, the barracks installation in the eastern sector of Plock (Q 53/K 12), southwest of the railroad station, was occupied by young Polish cavalry troops who wore khaki uniforms and square visor caps with a red band. The installation consisted of a three-story barracks building, about 80 meters long, and three long stables. Units of 130 to 150 mounted cavalrymen carrying rifles were repeatedly observed leaving the installation. No horses were led, i.e., none were without riders. Three or four wagons, each drawn by a team of two horses, brought up the rear of the unit. Sabors were only worn on parades. *
2. Ethnic Germans of the 1930 and older classes were registered for the draft in Plock in February and March 1950. Source learned from a letter that a German farmhand of the 1930 class had not been inducted by February 1951. However, Polish farmhands of the 1930 class were also registered in February and March 1950, and according to a letter of February 1951, had been inducted in the meantime. **

Vistula River Bridge.

3. The new bridge across the Vistula River between Plock and Radziwie (Q 53/K 12) was officially opened to traffic in the spring of 1950. It is a reinforced concrete bridge about 1 km long and about 12 meters wide. It carried a new single-track railroad line connecting the Plock and the Radziwie railroad stations. ***

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* Comment. The information confirms an unidentified cavalry unit in Plock. See [redacted]. A previous report stated that there were only a few cavalry troops left in Poland.

** Comment. The fact that ethnic Germans of the 1930 class had not been inducted by February 1951 indicates that the inductions in the fall of 1950 did not affect the entire 1930 class.

*** Comment. The track section belongs to the important single-track north-south line from Preussisch-Eylau to Kutno.

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